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PATENT APPLICATION  
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

U.S. Application )  
Applicants: Kobayashi et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/187,700 )  
Conf. No.: 3400 )  
Filed: November 6, 1998 )  
For: STORAGE MEDIUM AND )  
METHOD AND APPARATUS )  
FOR SEPARATELY )  
PROTECTING DATA IN )  
DIFFERENT AREAS OF THE )  
STORAGE MEDIUM )  
Art Unit: 2132 )  
Examiner: Meislahn, Douglas J. )

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

Extension fee for response within first month:

- ( ) By a small entity (1.9(f))..... \$ 55.00
- (X) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 110.00

Extension fee for response within second month:

- ( ) By a small entity (1.9(f))..... \$ 205.00
- ( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 410.00

Extension fee for response within third month:

- ( ) By a small entity (1.9(f))..... \$ 465.00
- ( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$ 930.00

Extension fee for response within fourth month:

- ( ) By a small entity (1.9(f))..... \$ 725.00
- ( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$1,460.00

Extension fee for response within fifth month:

- ( ) By a small entity (1.9(f))..... \$985.00
- ( ) By other than a small entity ..... \$1,970.00

(X) A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this petition, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. Should no proper amount be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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